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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 29th May 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 29th May 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 116 carts of ragi and 12 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 118 carts of ragi and 20 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 80 to 85 per cart during the week against Rs. 78 to 85 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots. The transactions in these depots are being watched by the Inspecting Staff.

Mysore City.—No change.

Bangalore District.—There was rain throughout the district, the highest fall 4 inches and 2 cents being at Anekal and the lowest 20 cents at Nelamangala. This has gladdened the hearts of our raiyats.

The standing sugar-cane and *Vaisakhi* paddy crops are reported to be in good condition. In the taluks of Dodballapur and Nelamangala, *Vaisakhi* paddy is being harvested.

No lack of food grains in the markets.

The price of ragi ranged from 7 seers to 9 seers a rupee. Rice (local) was sold at 3 to 4½ seers a rupee, while Burma rice was available at 4½ to 4¾ seers a rupee.

Burma rice is available in all Government Depots.

The situation on the whole, may be said to be stationary.

Mysore District.—No change. Good grain has been general all over the district and raiyats are engaged in agricultural operations.

Prospects are good.

Tumkur District.—In the week the price of rice in the market has slightly risen as also that of paddy from Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 a cart-load. There were two showers of rain in the week. The rainfall has been general throughout the district. There is sufficient stock of Burma rice in the Government depots.

Kolar District.—Local rice is being sold at 4 to 4½ seers a rupee and ragi at 7 to 7½ seers. The sale of Burma rice in the Government Depots is slack.

There have been some small showers throughout the district. Ploughing operations have commenced. More rain is wanted.

Hassan District.—*Santes* were generally well supplied with food grains. Export of rice and paddy from the Belur and the Alur *santes* to Tiptur and other places still continues.

Standing crops such as sugar-cane and *Kar* paddy are in a good condition. The latter crop is being reaped in parts of the Arsikere Taluk.

Prices of food grains are still high.

There were two or three showers of rain in parts of this district during the week and sowing operations are being pushed on.

Prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is wanted.

Shimoga District.—There has not been any material change in the food situation of the district. There was some rain throughout the district during the past week and agricultural operations have been started in most of the taluks.

Kadur District.—All the markets were well supplied with necessary food stuffs. The prices as usual ruled high. There was no change in the price of food grains, except at Tarikere, where ragi was sold at Rs. 10-8-0 a palla as against Rs. 11 in the previous week.

There was some rain in the taluks of Chikmagalur, Kadur and Mudgere, and this has relieved the anxiety of the raiyats to some extent.

Chitaldrug District.—There was copious rainfall in the district during the week and a slight fall in the prices of ragi, jola and rice has been the result. Ploughing operations are going on briskly.

General (by Food Controller).—During this week rain has been general throughout the State and this has to some extent inspired hope in the hearts of the raiyats. Ploughing and sowing operations have been commenced.

The supply in the several markets have been adequate, but the prices rule high. A slight fall in the price of ragi is reported at Tarikere, while in Tumkur Town and Bangalore City there has been a rise in the price of ragi and of paddy. The prices of other food grains and of pulses show signs of going up.

The sale of Burma rice in the Bangalore City through Test Depots opened by the Municipality is being continued but the sale price has been raised from 5 seers a rupee to 4¾ seers a rupee with effect from 1st June 1920. The issue of Burma rice in small quantities for *bona fide* domestic consumption is being continued.

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